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CANCER DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION ECEIVED UNDER 37 CFR \$1.111

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 4, 1993, the period of response to which has been extended to September 7, 1993, via the accompanying petition and payment of the required fee (September 4, 1993, falling on a weekend), applicants request that the PTO amend the above-identified application as detailed below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 35, line 14, delete "ATX-101" and insert --ATX-102--; line 20, delete "ATX-101" and insert --ATX-102--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3-6 and 16-17,—and add the following claims:

18. A polypeptide selected from human autotaxin protein in homogeneous form or a fragment of said protein, wherein

(A) said protein has an isoelectric point of about 7.7, a molecular weight of about 125 kDa, as determined SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis under reducing conditions, and induces a motility in human A2508 melanoma cells which is inhibited by pertussis toxin;

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